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**Press Release**

**OVERALL CRIME CONTINUES TO DECLINE IN COMMUNITIES POLICED  
BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**As of July 31, 2010, preliminary crime data shows that criminal homicides in Sheriff's patrol areas have decreased by 21.43 percent**, compared to the same year-to-date period last year (127 homicides last year compared to 98 this year). This follows a five-year continuous decrease, resulting in a 53.52 percent decrease in homicides as there were five years ago and the lowest homicide rate since 1975. Most notable were decreases in homicides in the Compton Station area (including the city of Compton and nearby unincorporated areas) and Century Station area (which includes the city of Lynwood and nearby unincorporated areas). Compton Station homicides have reduced by 41.96 percent, with 31 homicides last year compared to 18 this year. Century Station had 24 homicides during the same period last year, as compared to 16 homicides this year, for a 33.33 percent decrease.

**Reported incidents of violent crimes (Part I) have declined 3.76 percent, and serious property crimes (Part I) have declined by 3.75 percent in Sheriff's patrol areas countywide**, compared to last year at this time. These numbers combine to show a 3.75 percent decrease in overall Part I crimes. Sheriff's stations experiencing the most significant decreases in overall violent crimes (Part I) over the same period last year included Marina Del Rey Station at 41.5 percent, Walnut Station at 34.2 percent, San Dimas Station at 25.3 percent, and Lomita Station at 19.5 percent.

Crime prevention information, as well as reported [crime statistics](#), can be found on the "[Crime Prevention and Information](#)" page of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department website, [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org). These include specific statistics for each city and unincorporated community patrolled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Partner with the Sheriff's Department to prevent or report crime by contacting your local Sheriff's station. Or if you wish to remain **ANONYMOUS**, call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing 800-222-TIPS (8477), texting the letters **TIPLA** plus your tip to CRIMES (274637), or using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.